in the persons with Disabilities (Equal opportunities, protection of rights and full participation) Act, 1995, the Ministry of Welfare has also been giving grant-in-aid to Non-Governmental Organisations working in the area of rehabilitation of the handicapped persons so as to promote their employment prospects. Apart from this, trained manpower for dealing with hearing handicapped persons is also being provided by the Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for the Hearing Handicapped, Mumbai.

Implementation of the persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act

3183. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any critical analysis of the Implementation of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act by the State Governments and at the centre to know how far the objective of ensuring a meaningful life for the disabled and handicapped in the country has been achieved:

(b) if so, the details thereof stating the nature of the deficiencies, if any identified in the implementation of the Act; and

(c) the measures contemplated by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 has been brought into force only on 7.2.96. It would be too early to conduct such an exercise.

(c) For the time-being, the topmost priority of the Central and State Governments is to create necessary institutional arrangements and infrastructure for implementation of the Act. As we proceed along impact evaluation will give necessary inputs for removal of deficiencies.

12.00 NOON

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd March, 1997 to Unstarred Question 893 regarding contracts in Mining/coal in Bihar

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): I lay on the Table, a Statement (in English and Hindi) correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd March, 1997 to the Unstarred Question 893 regarding Contracts in mining/coal sector in Bihar.

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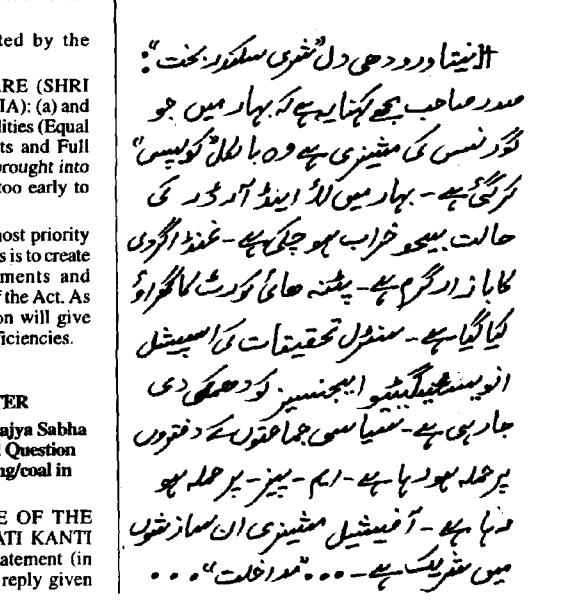
विपक्ष के नेता (श्री सिकन्दर बख्त): सदर साहब, मुझे कहना है कि बिहार में जो गवर्नेंस की मशीनरी है वह बिल्कुल कोलैप्स कर गई है। बिहार में लॉ एंड आर्डर की हालत बेहद खराब हो चुकी है। गुंडागर्दी का बाज़ार गर्म है। पटना हाई कोर्ट का घेराव किया गया है। सैन्ट्रल तहकीकात की स्पेशल इन्वैस्टीगेटिव एजेंसीज़ को धमकियां दी जा रही हैं। सियासी जमातों के दफ्तर पर हमला हो रहा है। एम॰ पीज़ पर हमला हो रहा है, एम॰ एल॰ एज़ पर हमला हो रहा है। आफीशियल मशीनरी इन साजिशों में शरीक है। ....(व्यवधान) धमकियां दी जा रही हैं। ....(व्यवधान) सदर साहब, लूटमार का बाज़ार गर्म है।. ...(व्यवधान) जो वैल्यूज़ हैं वे फना की जा रही है। वहां किसी की सरकार नहीं है। वहां अगर कोई चाहे 356 की दफा लगाने का ....(व्यवधान) लेकिन बिहार में इसके अलावा कोई चारा-ए-कार नहीं है कि लालू प्रसाद यादव की सरकार को डिसमिस किया जाए। सदर साहिब, वहां पर लॉ एंड आर्डर की मशीनरी बिल्कुल टूट चुकी है, खत्म हो चुकी है। ....(व्यवधान) मैं मुतालबा कर रहा हूं कि वहां की सरकार को डिसमिस करना चाहिए क्योंकि वहां पर लॉ एंड आर्डर की हालत बिल्कुल खराब है। ....(व्यवधान)



دھمکیاں دی جارہی ہیں۔ صدر صاحب
لوٹ مار کا بازار گرم ہے۔۔۔ "مداخلت"۔
جو ریلیوز میں وہ فنا کی جارہی ہیں۔
وہاں کسی قسم کی سرکار نہیں ہے۔
وہاں اگر گولی چاہیے ۳۵۶ کی دفعہ لگانے
کا۔۔۔ "مداخلت"۔۔۔ لیکن بہار میں
اس کے علاوہ کوئی چارہ کار نہیں ہے
کہ لالو پرساد کی سرکار کو ڈسمس کیا
جائے صدر صاحب وہاں "لاء اینڈ آرڈر"
کی مشینری بالکل ٹوٹ چکی ہے۔ ختم ہو
چکی ہے۔۔۔ "مداخلت"۔۔۔ میں مطالبہ
کر رہا ہوں کہ وہاں کی سرکار کو ڈسمس
کرنا چاہیئے کیونکہ وہاں پر "لاء اینڈ آرڈر"
کی حالت بالکل خراب ہے۔۔۔ "مداخلت"۔

Sir, I am not giving up. (*Interruptions*) Sir, I am demanding the dismissal of Laloo Prasad's Government. This is the only right way of putting to you the Bihar crisis. (*Interruptions*).

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have expressed your view. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI (Rajasthan): The Government has to respond. (*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Your view has been recorded. (*Interruptions*)

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Report and Accounts (1995-96) of the National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation, New Delhi and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts (1995-96) of the National Miniorities Development and Finance Corporations, New Delhi and related papers.

III. Report (1993) on the protection of Civil Rights Act, 1995 and related papers.

The Minister of Welfare (Shri Balwant Singh Ramoowalia): Sir, I lay on the Table—

I.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(i) Seventh Annual Report and Accounts of the National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation, New Delhi, for the year 1995-96, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Review by Government on the Working of the above Corporation.

(2) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (I) above.

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II. (1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(i) Second Annual Report and Accounts of the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation, New Delhi, for the year 1995-96, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Review by Government on the Working of the above Corporation.

(2) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (I) above.

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(III) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Fourteenth Annual Report on the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1995 for the year 1993 under sub-section (4) of section 15-A of the said Act.

(ii) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) above.

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I. Report and Accounts (1995-96) of the Bharat Aluminium Company Limited, New Delhi and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts (1995-96) of the National Aluminium Company Limited, Bhubaneshwar and related papers.

III. Notifications of the Ministry of Mines.

IV Memorandum of Understanding between Govt. of India and Sponge Iron India Ltd. Kudramukh Iron Ore company Ltd. and National Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. for the year 1997-98.